



Plain Elementary School

506 Neely Ferry Road
Simpsonville, SC 29680

Grades	K-5 Elementary School	
Enrollment	898 Students	
Principal	Debbie Mihalic	864-355-7701
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Board Chair	Mr. Roger Meek	864-233-8587

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2012 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD

RATINGS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD

YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING
2012	Excellent	Excellent
2011	Excellent	Excellent
2010	Good	Good
2009	Good	Good
2008	Average	Below Average

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision
- At-Risk – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2020 SC Performance Vision

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

<http://ed.sc.gov>
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Percent of Student PASS Records Matched for Purpose of Computing Growth Rating

Percent of students tested in 2011-12 whose 2010-11 test scores were located

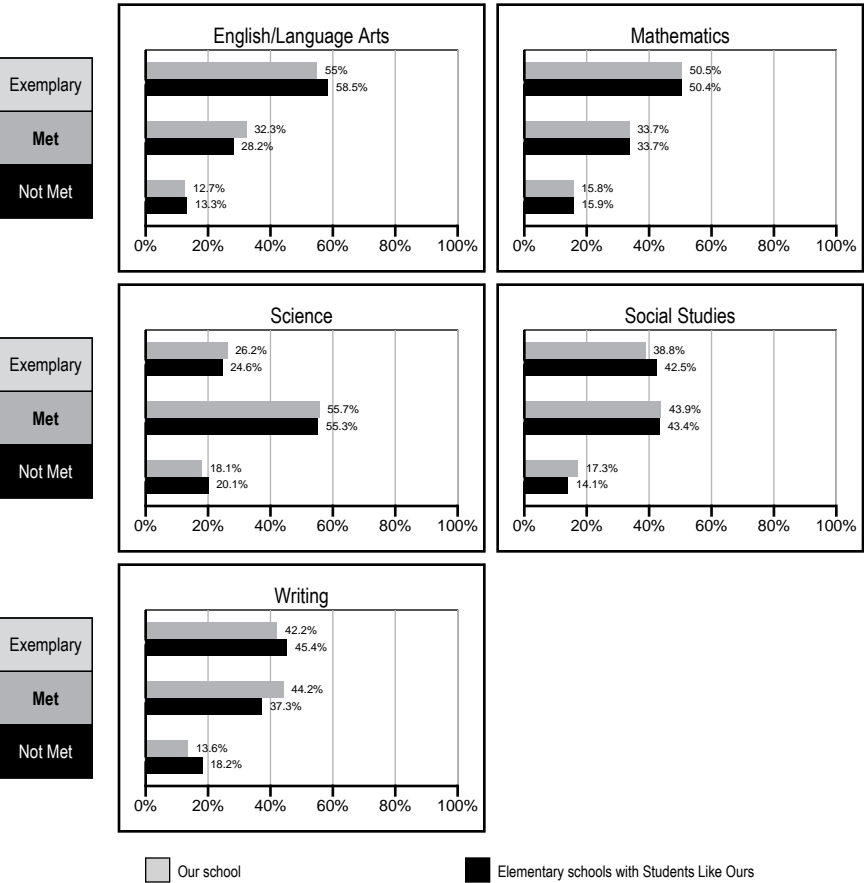
95.9%

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	At-Risk
39	12	0	1	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012.

Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)



* Elementary schools with Students Like Ours are elementary schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

Definition of Critical Terms

Exemplary	"Exemplary" means the student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.
Met	"Met" means the student met the grade level standard.
Not Met	"Not Met" means that the student did not meet the grade level standard.

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School Profile

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=898)				
First graders who attended full-day kindergarten	97.5%	Down from 97.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Retention rate	3.1%	Up from 1.6%	0.9%	1.0%
Attendance rate	97.1%	Up from 96.4%	97.0%	96.6%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=51)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	45.1%	Down from 56.3%	68.2%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	89.0%	Up from 87.9%	90.1%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	96.0%	Up from 95.4%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,368	Down 3.2%	\$48,820	\$47,210
Professional development days/teacher	8.8 days	Up from 8.2 days	9.9 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.7 to 1	Down from 23.1 to 1	20.8 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.6%	Up from 91.9%	91.5%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	98.8%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,305	Down 5.5%	\$6,823	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.8%	Down from 71.7%	68.8%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	70.5%	Down from 70.9%	67.5%	65.7%

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 185 or more days.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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Report of Principal and School Improvement Council

The mission of Plain Elementary is to prepare students to become lifelong learners and responsible, productive citizens. All children engage in a rigorous, standards based instructional program in a climate that fosters tolerance and diversity. The many accomplishments this year reflect our motivation to remain positively committed to excellence.

Our staff, School Improvement Council (SIC), PTA, community members, and students developed a vision to guide us toward our school goals. Students and teachers set individual performance goals in reading and mathematics as we continued implementation of the Baldrige model, a data driven process for growth and continuous improvement. School-wide data reflects solid growth in all academic areas. Grade level teachers continued to work collaboratively to create common assessments based on essential learning standards and analyzed the results for the purpose of increased student achievement. A morning enrichment program was available to provide support for struggling math and reading students. We also conducted a school-wide Lap-a-thon to continue raising funds for the purpose of resurfacing our track which will occur during the summer, 2012. We were recognized with a Safe Schools Award by Upstate Safe Kids. Home-school communication was enhanced through weekly phone messages from the principal or PTA members, updated teacher websites, weekly progress reports, and updates sent electronically to parents, articles in the local newspaper and publication of a monthly school newsletter. We continued to integrate technology by ensuring that all classrooms in grades 1 through 5 were equipped with Promethean boards to actively engage children in learning and all computers were replaced and include updated software.

Parental and community involvement is integral to our success. The PTA and School Improvement Council (SIC) are involved in decision making programs, initiatives, and expenditures. Over 60,000 volunteer hours were logged this year with parents and community members serving as mentors, tutors, guest speakers, and classroom support. Business partners and community members adopted classes to assist with classroom needs. TreesGreenville awarded us a grant that provided a variety of fruit and nut trees that were planted on our campus. We also received a \$3,000 grant for an organic garden which permitted students to plant, harvest and eat vegetables.

We are proud of our accomplishments and will continue to make decisions that are in the best interests of all children. We are "Positively Committed to Excellence!"

Debbie Mihalic, Principal
 Bill Miller, SIC Chairperson

Evaluations by Teachers, Students and Parents

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	51	142	96
Percent satisfied with learning environment	98.0%	88.0%	95.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	89.3%	93.8%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.1%	90.6%	95.8%

* Only students at the highest elementary school grade level and their parents were included.

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ESEA/Federal Accountability Rating System

In July 2012, the South Carolina Department of Education was granted a waiver from several accountability requirements of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This waiver allowed SC to replace the former pass/fail system with one that utilizes more of the statewide assessments already in place and combine these subject area results with graduation rate (in high schools) to determine if each school met the target or made progress toward the target. This analysis results in a letter grade for the school rather than the pass/fail system of previous years. For a detailed review of the matrix for each school and districts that determined the letter grade, please use the following link: <http://ed.sc.gov/data/eSEA/> or request this information from your child's district or school.

Overall Weighted Points Total	88.8
Overall Grade Conversion	B

Index Score	Grade	Description
90-100	A	Performance substantially exceeds the state's expectations.
80-89.9	B	Performance exceeds the state's expectations.
70-79.9	C	Performance meets the state's expectations.
60-69.9	D	Performance does not meet the state's expectations.
Less than 60	F	Performance is substantially below the state's expectations

Accountability Indicator for Title I Schools

Plain Elementary School school has been designated as a:

- ☐ Title I Reward School for Performance - among the highest performing Title I schools in a given year.
- ☐ Title I Reward School for Progress – one of the schools with substantial progress in student subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Focus School – one of the schools with the highest average performance gap between subgroups.
- ☐ Title I Priority School – one of the 5% lowest performing Title I schools.
- ☐ Title I School – does not qualify as Reward, Focus or Priority School.
- ☒ Non-Title I School – therefore the designations above are not applicable.

Teacher Quality and Student Attendance

	Our District	State
Classes in low poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.1%	2.6%
Classes in high poverty schools not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.2%	5.1%

	Our School	State Objective	Met State Objective
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	0.0%	Yes
Student attendance rate	97.1%	94.0%*	Yes

* Or greater than last year

Performance By Group

Subgroups	ELA Mean	Math Mean	Science Mean	Social Studies Mean	ELA % Tested	Math % Tested
Grades 3-5						
All Students	680.3	672.1	642.9	646.8	100.0	100.0
Male	673.7	671.5	642.3	648.8	100.0	100.0
Female	686.5	672.7	643.4	644.9	100.0	100.0
White	691.6	683.2	651.3	655.4	100.0	100.0
African American	647.0	638.9	612.4	626.6	100.0	100.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hispanic	661.9	658.5	638.6	635.2	100.0	100.0
American Indian/Alaskan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Disabled	626.0	614.9	595.6	604.4	100.0	100.0
Limited English Proficient	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Subsidized meals	656.8	648.1	621.1	626.9	100.0	100.0
Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	630.0	630.0	630.0	630.0	95.0	95.0

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
English/Language Arts							
2011	3	159	100	9.8	21.6	68.6	90.2
	4	145	100	16.7	44.2	39.1	83.3
	5	189	100	12.1	43.4	44.5	87.9
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	131	100	10.1	15.5	74.4	89.9
	4	148	100	12.7	34.5	52.8	87.3
	5	152	100	15	44.9	40.1	85
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mathematics							
2011	3	159	100	18.3	30.7	51	81.7
	4	145	100	16.7	43.5	39.9	83.3
	5	189	100	14.3	34.6	51.1	85.7
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	131	100	17.8	26.4	55.8	82.2
	4	148	100	17.6	31.7	50.7	82.4
	5	152	100	12.2	42.2	45.6	87.8
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Science							
2011	3	81	98.8	28.9	40.8	30.3	71.1
	4	145	100	22.5	62.3	15.2	77.5
	5	95	100	19.6	52.2	28.3	80.4
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	3	65	100	29.2	33.8	36.9	70.8
	4	148	100	14	66.4	19.6	86
	5	76	98.7	16.2	54.1	29.7	83.8
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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PASS Performance By Grade Level

	Grade	Enrollment 1st Day of Testing	% Tested	% Not Met	% Met	% Exemplary	% Met or Exemplary
Social Studies							
2011	3	78	100	15.8	51.3	32.9	84.2
	4	145	100	19.6	53.6	26.8	80.4
	5	94	100	14.4	30	55.6	85.6
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	66	100	23.4	46.9	29.7	76.6
	4	148	100	17.5	41.3	41.3	82.5
	5	76	100	12.5	45.8	41.7	87.5
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Writing							
2011	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	191	100	13.7	31.1	55.2	86.3
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2012	3	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	4	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	5	152	99.3	13	44.5	42.5	87
	6	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	7	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	8	N/A	N/AV	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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